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47th Boskone Convention Announces February 2010 dates and hotel information

*The New England Science Fiction Association's Boskone will feature
author Alastair Reynolds, artist John Picacio, and Tolkien expert Tom Shippey*

Boston, MA (September 2009) -- The New England Science Fiction Association, Inc. (NESFA) will hold its 47th **Boskone** science fiction convention at the Westin Waterfront Hotel in South Boston, MA on February 12-14, 2009. Detailed information is available at www.boskone.org.

Boskone is a regional Science Fiction convention focusing on literature, art, music, and gaming (that's wicked awesome). Boskone features exciting exhibits, inspiring events, and an acclaimed program that encourages members to interact with an impressive array of well-known participants in the field. Our innovative no-boundaries layout is designed to stimulate conversation between friends (old and new), and support the warm family-friendly community.

The Guest of Honor at Boskone 47 is best-selling author **Alastair Reynolds**. The Official Artist is award-winning John Picacio. Special Guest is Tom Shippey.

Boskone activities begin in the afternoon on Friday, February 12 and end in the early evening on Sunday, February 14. Memberships for the weekend cost \$47 through mid-January 2010. At-door rates will be higher.

Convention chair, Jim Mann, invites the public to check out all that Boskone has to offer: "Boskone has a great mix. It's got a literary focus, but we also have lots else, ranging from interesting programs on media, fandom, as well as fun activities like our Friday night event, our Art Show reception, and our awards ceremony. Boskone is a good place for people of all ages to enjoy themselves and to interact with many people of similar interests."

Hotel Information

The Westin Waterfront Hotel, connected to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, is located at 425 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210. The Westin Waterfront Hotel is less than one mile from South Station and three miles from Logan International Airport. It is easily accessible by public transportation.

Online Hotel Reservations - Preferred Method

Custom Web sites have been created for Boskone 47. Access is organized by guest type and can be obtained by going to <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/hotel.html> and clicking on QUIET FLOOR or PARTY FLOOR.

Special Requests

A limited number of handicapped-access rooms are available. To reserve a suite, email hotel@boskone.org or write to NESFA, PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701.

Check-in, Check-out, and Cancellations

Check-in begins at 3 pm. Check-out time is 12 noon. A late check-out of 2 pm may be available. Cancellations must be made by 6 pm **one day before** the check-in date to avoid a penalty.

Rates

The Boskone 47 rates (not including tax) are \$153 single/double; \$163 triple; \$173 quad.

Deadline

To get the Boskone rate, please make a reservation early.

Parking & Public Transportation

\$41/day valet (\$3 charge for in-out); \$31/day self-parking. Nearby satellite lots have parking rates as low as \$10 per day (12 hours).

From Logan airport, take the Silver Line (which stops at all terminals). Exit at Congress - World Trade Center Station. Go up three escalators. Follow the signs to Summer St./Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. The Westin Boston Waterfront is immediately adjacent to the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

From South Station, take the #7 bus (City Point via Summer St.) Exit at Summer St. and E St. Walk NW to Westin Hotel. Or take the Silver Line outbound (SL1) and exit at the Congress - World Trade Center Station. Follow directions above.

About NESFA

The New England Science Fiction Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and publishing science fiction and fantasy, and maintaining one of the largest science fiction and fantasy libraries in New England. **NESFA** can be found on the web at <http://www.NESFA.org>

Media representatives who are interested in attending Boskone should contact Elisabeth Carey for information about press passes and media kits.